

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Klee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence. Board members Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson were absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

**ARB #04-107 McAllister, Williamson & Fox/446, 448 & 450 Tyler Street
– Replace retaining wall – Approved.**

ARB #04-108 Millar/710 South Henry Street – Exterior Change (Spray-on-Siding – Approved.

**ARB
SIGN #04-043 Williamsburg Chrysler Jeep Kia/3012 Richmond Road –
Building Mounted Signs – Approved.**

**ARB
SIGN #04-044 Precious Gem/423 West Duke of Gloucester Street –
Freestanding Signs (2) – Approved.**

**ARB
SIGN #04-045 Colonel Waller Motel/917 Capitol Landing Road –
Monument Sign – Approved.**

Mr. Walker motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Watson and Mr. Hertzler.

Abstain: Mr. Spence and Mr. Klee ARB #04-044.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #04-105 Montessori School/420 Scotland Street – Gutters

Ed Pease presented the revised proposal to install ground and roof gutters as shown on the plans. He noted that after the last meeting, he met with the contractor and determined water was infiltrating the stucco through the

basement, walls around the flat roof area of the building, old air conditioning unit openings and around the stairwell due to a flashing problem. Therefore, he has revised the proposal and wishes to install ground gutters around the gable portions with roof gutters on the flat roof sections to keep the historical trim around a major portion of the building and address the moisture problems.

A discussion followed with Board members expressing their appreciation for his efforts to preserve the historic character of the building.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the revised plan for ARB #04-105.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.

Abstain: None.

ARB #04-106 Casey/114 Griffin Avenue – Exterior Change (remove wood shingles and replace with Nailite siding) – Approved.

Robert Casey presented his proposal to replace wood shingles with Nailite shingle siding at 114 Griffin Avenue. He noted the shingles were deteriorating and must be replaced on the building. He presented a sample of Nailite siding and pictures of Nailite siding on his son's house located in West Ghent, Norfolk.

Mr. Walker stated he inspected the house and noted the siding was in pretty good shape. Therefore, he would not be in favor of replacing it with synthetic siding because of its proximity to Pollard Park and Chandler Court which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Williams asked if he had investigated replacing only the deteriorated shingles on the house. Mr. Casey stated the shingles are a lot thinner than those made today and would look out of proportion to other shingles if he replaced only the deteriorated shingles.

Mr. Casey asked if he could replace the wood shingles with Hardiplank siding. Mr. Williams stated under the current guidelines Hardiplank siding can only be used for new construction. He noted the Board is currently investigating the use of Hardiplank siding to replace wood siding in certain Architectural Preservation Districts.

Mr. Spence stated the detailed on Nailite shingle siding looked more realistic than the bead on Hardiplank siding. He noted that a yellow house on Page Street has Natilite shingle siding and for the longest time he thought it was wood shingles until he actually got a chance to see it up close. Board members agreed

the detail of the Nailite shingle siding was better than the bead on Hardiplank siding

Mr. Williams stated that he would not vote in favor of the application because recently the Bruton Parish Rectory was turned down to replace wood siding with Hardiplank siding and that property is also located in Zone 1 of an Architectural Preservation District.

Mr. Klee asked what the long term effects were on the siding. Mr. Casey stated it was guaranteed for eight years and it would probably fade over the long term. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Casey if he wanted to table his application until the Board reached a decision on the use of Hardiplank siding. Mr. Casey requested the application be tabled until the Board reached a decision on the use of synthetic materials in Architectural Preservation Districts.

Mr. Williams motioned to table the application ARB #04-106.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Hertzler and Mr. Watson.

Abstain: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hardiplank Siding Discussion

Joel Sheppard, Dave Harvey and Kerry Shackelford were present to discuss their experience with Hardiplank and wood siding. Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Harvey were in agreement that Hardiplank siding was better than wood because it is rot resistant, termite resistant and held paint better than wood siding.

Mr. Sheppard agreed with Board members that the bead on Hardiplank siding was not as defined as wood and the quality was not as good as it was a few years back. He noted a few years ago another brand of synthetic siding had a better bead but the company was bought by James Hardie which currently is the sole supplier of Hardiplank siding. He stated the reason the bead is not well defined is because cutting the product to produce a more detailed bead is more expensive. Mr. Harvey stated the problem with wood siding is lack of good paint on the market to seal the wood. He noted within a few months the paint starts to peel which makes the wood susceptible to water damage, rotting and splitting.

Mr. Shackelford presented several samples of cypress wood siding and trim with and without a bead that he manufactures in Providence Forge, Virginia and noted the following:

- His company custom makes wood siding in a wide variety of patterns even to colonial standards.
- Wood siding is not perfect but it gives the building a character that people like and want for their home.
- When wood siding is installed properly it will last for many years.
- His company will train a crew at the site on how to install and paint wood siding properly.
- His supply is not limited and he can produce any amount someone may need for a project.
- Costs range from \$1.10 - \$1.35 per linear foot for a six inch exposure of cypress siding.
- Cost could range from \$1.50 - \$5.00 for more expensive cuts of cypress siding.

Mr. Sheppard asked if all the siding produced was of the quality presented at the meeting. He noted that some homeowners insist on wood siding and he was very interested in Mr. Shackelford's product. Mr. Shackelford stated he guarantees all their wood siding and every piece is the same as sample piece presented at the meeting.

Board members asked if any of them had any experience with liquid siding. Mr. Harvey stated he installed it on a new house which turned into a disaster because it was not properly installed. He stated that liquid siding probably works better for restoration purposes than for new construction.

Mr. Sheppard noted he was part owner of Custom Builder Supplies and that over the last five years synthetic products have increased to approximately 60 % with more percentage in the future predicted as products improve in looks and durability.

Board members thanked Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Shackelford for attending the meeting and sharing their knowledge and experience because this will help the ARB in making their decision on the use of Hardiplank and other synthetic materials in the City.

Minutes September 28, 2004

The minutes were approved with a minor change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer